

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H.3186**

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TO:	The Honorable Ronald P. Townsend, Chairperson, House Education & Public Works Committee		
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SUBJECT:	Nurses in Public Schools		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

House Bill 3186 would require that a full-time nurse be on the premises of each public school in the State during regular school hours. The Bill further states that the General Assembly, annually in the General Appropriations Act, shall appropriate the necessary funds for providing a nurse for each public school.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

There are 1,132 public schools in the state. The average salary and related fringe benefits for a nurse based on the current mix of Registered Nurses (RNs) and Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) in the K-12 system is estimated at \$41,900. The current mix allows for proper supervision of LPN by RN's as required. Therefore the direct cost of salaries and related fringe can be estimated at \$47,430,800. In order to ensure coverage each day at every school it is estimated substitute nurses salary cost would be about \$566,000 annually. Total annual impact is estimate at \$47,996,800.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

The estimate above reflects the total cost associated with having a full-time nurse in on the premises of each public school during regular school hours since the Bill states that the General Assembly shall appropriate the funds to cover such cost. However, the State Department of Education notes that about half of all schools already have a full-time nurse. Other schools have part-time nurses or coverage during only part of the day.

Approved by:



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